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The Honorable Robert Menendez
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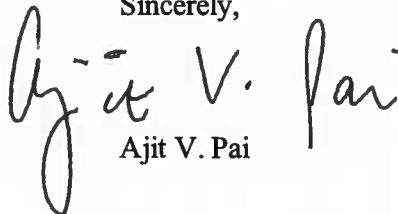
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The Commission in this case (as in all similar cases) reviewed issues related to the character qualifications of licensees at the time of license renewal or as part of a license transfer proceeding. It unanimously rejected petitions to deny WWOR-TV's license renewal application and found that the license deserved to be renewed on the record presented. And while WWOR-TV did not inform me, my office, or FCC career staff, or other Commissioners or their staffs (so far as I am aware) of any plans to sell its studio prior to or after its license renewal, and the issue was not raised in any of the petitions to deny, our rules did not (and do not) require it to do so. Additionally, there were no conditions or other special obligations contained in WWOR-TV's license relating to this issue. I do not know whether there is a precedent regarding the failure to disclose relevant information about a station's operators along the lines you suggest, but in any event that circumstance does not describe this case.

For these reasons, every member of the Commission, Republican and Democrat, believed that under the laws of the United States and rules long-established by the Commission, the license for WWOR-TV ought to be renewed. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

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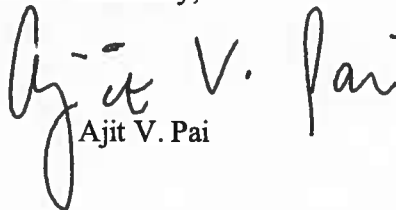
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